Thursday, *the* *5th August 1943*
20th Karkadagam 1118

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., C. I. E., I. C. S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. J. Luiz, T. P. Poulose, L. M. Pylee and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In view of the indifference shown in answering our questions, I do not put any more questions.

CINCHONA PLANTATION

104. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether Government have taken any action to start a Cinchona Plantation in the State and if so the progress made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Cinchona has been planted in half an acre on the Nelliampathies as an experimental measure. The question of extending the area of cultivation is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. K. NAYAR, M. L. C.—FINING OF

105. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. C. K. Nayar, M.L.C., has been fined or punished in connection with his work in the War Publicity or National War Front work;

(*b*) who appointed him;

(*c*) who punished him;

(*d*) what was the reason for the punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not in the public interest to reply to this question.

BEGGARS AND NOXIOUS DISEASES

106. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether beggars suffering from all kinds of noxious diseases are not frequenting house-fronts, front verandahs of houses and places of public resort like bus-stands, coffee-stall fronts, etc.;

(*b*) whether it is not in the interest of public health to stop it;

(*c*) whether Government are doing anything to stop it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) It may be that among beggars who frequent public places, there are persons suffering from noxious diseases.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A committee has been appointed by Government to go into the question of beggar relief and a sum of Rs. 50,000 has been provided in the next year's budget for working out the scheme formulated in this behalf.

TRENCHING GROUND—MATTANCHERI

107. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the distance between the trenching ground of Mattancheri and Northern extremity of Mattancheri Town;

(*b*) how the night soil is carried at present to the ground?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) About seven miles.

(*b*) When petrol is available, buckets with nightsoil are carried in the motor lorry and when petrol is not available they are drawn by the scavengers to the trenching ground.

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